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Ramstad

Pomeroy

Price (NC)

Pryce (OH)

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McDonald

Miller, George

Mica

McCaul (TX)

McCollum (MN)

LoBiondo	Paul	Shimkus
Lucas	Pearce	Shuster
Lungren, Daniel	Pence	Simmons
E.	Peterson (MN)	Simpson
Lynch	Peterson (PA)	Skelton
Mack	Petri	Smith (NJ)
Maloney	Pickering	Smith (TX)
Manzullo	Pitts	Smith (WA)
Marchant	Platts	Sodrel
Marshall	Poe	Souder
Matheson	Pombo	Spratt
McCarthy	Pomeroy	Stearns
McCaul (TX)	Porter	Stupak
McCotter	Price (GA)	Sullivan
McCrery	Pryce (OH)	Sweeney
McHenry	Putnam	Tancredo
McHugh	Radanovich	Tanner
McIntyre	Rahall	Taylor (MS)
McKeon	Ramstad	Taylor (NC)
McMorris	Regula	Terry
Rodgers	Rehberg	Thomas
Melancon	Reichert	Thornberry
Mica	Renzi	Tiahrt
Miller (FL)	Reynolds	Tiberi
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Miller (NC)	Rogers (KY)	Upton
Miller, Gary	Rogers (MI)	Walden (OR)
Mollohan	Rohrabacher	Walsh
Moore (KS)	Ross	Wamp
Moran (KS)	Royce	Weiner
Moran (VA)	Ruppersberger	Weldon (FL)
Murphy	Ryan (OH)	Weldon (PA)
Musgrave	Ryan (WI)	Weller
Myrick	Ryun (KS)	Westmoreland
Neugebauer	Saxton	Wexler
Northup	Schmidt	Whitfield
Norwood	Schwarz (MI)	Wicker
Nunes	Sensenbrenner	Wilson (NM)
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ANSWERED "PRESENT"-1

Wynn

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NOT VOTING-10 Case Evans Cleaver Strickland Forbes Culberson Johnson, Sam Davis (FL) Keller

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Mr. CLYBURN and Mr. EMANUEL changed their vote from "aye" to "no." Mr. RAHALL changed his vote from 'no" to "aye.

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated For:

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present at the vote for H.R. 6061, the Secure Fence Act of 2006. Had I been present, I would have voted 'aye'' on final passage.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2864, WATER RESOURCES DE-VELOPMENT ACT OF 2005

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. MELANCON

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KLINE). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to instruct on H.R. 2864 offered by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. MELANCON) on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 340, nays 79, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 447] YEAS-340

Abercrombie	Brown-Waite,	Diaz-Balart, L.
Ackerman	Ginny	Diaz-Balart, M.
Aderholt	Burgess	Dicks
Akin	Calvert	Dingell
Alexander	Capito	Doggett
Allen	Capps	Doolittle
Andrews	Capuano	Doyle
Baca	Cardin	Drake
Bachus	Cardoza	Duncan
Baird	Carnahan	Edwards
Baker	Carson	Ehlers
Baldwin	Carter	Emanuel
Barrow	Castle	Emerson
Bass	Chabot	Engel
Bean	Chandler	English (PA)
Beauprez	Chocola	Eshoo
Becerra	Clay	Etheridge
Berklev	Clyburn	Everett
Berman	Cole (OK)	Farr
Berry	Conyers	Fattah
Biggert	Cooper	Feeney
Bilirakis	Costa	Ferguson
Bishop (GA)	Costello	Filner
Bishop (NY)	Cramer	Fitzpatrick (PA
Bishop (UT)	Crenshaw	Foley Ford
Blumenauer	Crowley	
Boehlert	Cuellar	Fortenberry Fossella
Boehner	Cummings Davis (AL)	Frank (MA)
Bono	Davis (AL) Davis (CA)	Frelinghuysen
Boozman	Davis (CA) Davis (IL)	Gallegly
Boren	Davis (KY)	Gerlach
Boswell	Davis (TN)	Gibbons
Boucher	Davis (1N) Davis, Jo Ann	Gilchrest
Boustany	Davis, Tom	Gillmor
Boyd	DeFazio	Gonzalez
Bradley (NH)	DeGette	Gordon
Brady (PA)	Delahunt	Granger
Brown (OH)	DeLauro	Graves
Brown, Corrine	Dent	Green (WI)
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Green, Al Green, Gene Grijalva Gutierrez Gutknecht Hall Harman Hastings (FL) Hayworth Hefley Hergei Herseth Higgins Hinojosa Hoekstra Holt Honda Hoyer Hulshof Inslee Israel Jackson (IL) Jackson-Lee (TX) Jefferson Jenkins Jindal Johnson (CT) Johnson (IL) Johnson, E. B Jones (NC) Jones (OH) Kanjorski Kaptur Kelly Kennedy (RI) Kildee Kilpatrick (MI) Kind King (NY) Kline Knollenberg Kucinich Kuhl (NY) LaHood Langevin Lantos Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Latham LaTourette Leach Lee Levin Lewis (CA) Lewis (GA) Lewis (KY) Lipinski LoBiondo Lofgren, Zoe Lowey Lucas Lungren, Daniel \mathbf{E} Lynch Maloney Manzullo Markey Marshall Matheson

Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Ros-Lehtinen Ross Rothman Roybal-Allard Ruppersberger Rush Ryan (OH) Rvan (WI)

NAYS-79

Barrett (SC) Flake Bartlett (MD) Foxx Barton (TX) Franks (AZ) Bilbray Garrett (NJ) Blackburn Blunt Gohmert Bonilla Goode Bonner Goodlatte Brady (TX) Harris Brown (SC) Hart Burton (IN) Hastings (WA) Buver Haves Camp (MI) Hensarling Hobson Hostettler Campbell (CA) Cannon Cantor Hunter Inglis (SC) Coble Conaway Istook King (IA) Cubin Deal (GA) Kingston Dreier Linder

Sabo Salazar Sánchez, Linda Sanchez, Loretta Sanders Saxton Schakowsky Schiff Schmidt Schwartz (PA) Schwarz (MI) Scott (GA) Scott (VA) Sensenbrenner Serrano Shaw Shays Sherman Sherwood Shimkus Simmons Skelton Slaughter Smith (NJ) Smith (WA) Snyder Sodrel Solis Souder Spratt Stark Stupak Sullivan Sweeney Tancredo Tanner Tauscher Taylor (MS) Terry Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Tiberi Tierney Towns Turner Udall (CO) Udall (NM) Upton Van Hollen Velázquez Visclosky Walden (OR) Walsh Wamp Wasserman Schultz Waters Watson Watt Waxman Weiner Weldon (FL) Weldon (PA) Weller Wexler Whitfield Wicker

Wilson (NM) Wolf Woolsey Wu Wynn Young (AK) Young (FL) Mack Marchant McHenry McMorris Rodgers Miller (FL) Miller (MI) Miller, Gary Murphy Musgrave Myrick Neugebauer Norwood Nunes Otter Oxley Paul Pence Price (GA) Putnam Radanovich

Rehberg Rogers (MI) Rohrabacher Royce Ryun (KS) Sessions Shadegg Shuster Simpson Smith (TX) Stearns Taylor (NC)

Thomas Thornberry Tiahrt Westmoreland Wilson (SC)

NOT VOTING-13

Butterfield Case Cleaver Culberson Davis (FL) Evans Forbes Johnson, Sam Keller Kennedy (MN) Kolbe Ney Strickland

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Messrs. GOODLATTE, SHUSTER, Camp of Michigan and BURTON of Indiana changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 447, my vote was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Young of Alaska, Duncan, Baker, Gary G. MILLER of California, BROWN of South Carolina, BOOZMAN, OBERSTAR, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. COSTELLO, and Mr. BISHOP of New York.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 2017, 2020, 2025, and 2027 of the House bill, and sections 3019, 5007, and 5008 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. POMBO, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, and Mr. KIND.

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks, and that I may be permitted to include extraneous material on House Resolution 1003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR EARMARKING REFORM IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1003 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1003

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution, House Resolution 1000, amended by the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the resolution, is hereby adopted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, today we are considering a very important reform that is a bipartisan reform. It is bipartisan because it is an issue that I am happy to say, as we have moved down the road towards reform, has enjoyed strong bipartisan support. In fact, it was a key provision in the House-passed Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act, which did enjoy bipartisan support, not as strong as I would have liked, but it did enjoy bipartisan support.

Specifically, Mr. Speaker, with this new rule, Member-directed spending to projects in their district, or earmarks, will no longer be anonymous. It is very simple.

We all know, as it stands now, there are no disclosure requirements in appropriations, tax bills or authorizing legislation. Earmarks can be buried in the text of bills that often number into the thousands of pages. There is no easy way to account for how many earmarks are in a bill or who is sponsoring them.

This new rule requires sponsors of earmarks to be listed in committee reports. Conference reports must also have a list of earmarks that are "airdropped" or brought into an agreement in the conference report itself. It is just that simple.

We are blowing away the fog of anonymity so the public can have a clear picture of what the projects are, how much they cost, and who is sponsoring them. It is just a very simple case of transparency.

Mr. Speaker, this is a victory for fiscal responsibility and a victory for spending taxpayer dollars more wisely.

As an enforcement mechanism, this new rule also provides for a question of consideration when a bill or conference report does not contain a list of earmarks. The question of consideration is debatable for 30 minutes, 15 minutes equally divided.

Mr. Speaker, if a Member feels strongly enough about a proposed earmark, they will have to attach their name to it. That is all we are asking. And they need to be prepared to make their case in full view of their colleagues, their constituents, and the American people as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, the earmark reform bill will build on the reforms that have already been implemented by the Appropriations Committee, and I take my hat off to the Appropriations Committee for the very bold and dynamic reforms that they have made. They have reduced the number of earmarks already by 37 percent. Overall spending on Member projects was reduced by \$7.8 billion below last year's level.

Over the last 2 years, Member project spending has decreased by over \$10 million, and I want to especially express my appreciation to my very dear friend, JERRY LEWIS, who has so ably chaired the Appropriations Committee and has stepped up to the plate and taken on this issue of reform and done it with great success because of the fact that he has been able to rein in Federal spending. It doesn't get a lot of attention, but he has been very successful in doing that.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to make very clear that our focus is not solely on appropriations. This was one of the requests that Chairman Lewis made of us as we were proceeding with this work.

For this reform to be effective, it must be comprehensive, and that was the commitment that the Speaker of the House and our leadership team made to our Members. So let me point out that this earmark reform applies across the board. It doesn't just apply to some committees. It covers all committees, all appropriations, all tax, all authorizing legislation, anything that moves through this House through regular order.

Mr. Speaker, we have taken great care to clearly and precisely state what constitutes a tax, an appropriation, or an authorizing earmark. And the good news is that there is more agreement than disagreement on those definitions. Yet clearly there is no magic bullet. There is not going to be one definition that will be perfect and please everybody. But at the end of the day, we have to come together. We have to come together, Mr. Speaker, and move this process forward. If there is an earmark in a bill, it belongs on a list. It is just that simple.

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If there is an earmark, we need to see it. Now, is this new disclosure going to completely end the practice of earmarking? I certainly hope not. I don't want it to, because I believe that earmarking is part of our constitutional responsibility. But it will shine a spotlight on earmarks without grinding the legislative process to a halt.

Let me make very clear that the larger goal of this new rule is to make a profound and lasting change in how this institution handles earmarks and spends taxpayer dollars. The goal is to increase transparency, disclosure and accountability, and the goal is to pull back the curtain on earmarks for the public, because I believe, Mr. Speaker, that they have a right to know.

For this earmark reform to be both meaningful and lasting, everyone, from committee chairmen on down, must make a good-faith effort to comply with the spirit of the new rule. Our leadership, and certainly the Rules Committee, has made such a commitment, and we are determined to make this work.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to point out that while this is an important milestone in the path toward reform, we have not reached the goal